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Preliminary Amendment

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Applicant submits this preliminary amendment for consideration before examination of the case on its merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A multi-well membrane filter[, the filter] comprising:
a perforated support [characterized by through holes not having been molded therein] , the perforations of the support forming two or more through holes through the support; and a membrane filter fixed to said support so at least one side of the at least two or more through holes are covered such that the device has at least two wells suitable for receiving material to be assayed.

Amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The multi-well membrane filter of claim 1[,]wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of [includes] glass, metallic materials, ceramic materials, elastomeric materials, coated cellulosic materials and polymeric materials.

Cancel claims 3- 7

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Amend Claim 8 as follows: